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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5115, H5115–16 and H5116–17. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

On Friday, July 20, 2012, the Committee concluded a hearing to examine the following:

IMPACT OF THE DODD-FRANK ACT ON MUNICIPAL FINANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “The Impact of the Dodd-Frank Act on Municipal Finance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

On Friday, July 20, 2012, the Committee concluded a hearing to examine the following:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 5744 the “Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention Act of 2012”; H.R. 5960, the “Depleting Risk from Insect Infestation, Soil Erosion, and Catastrophic Fire Act of 2012”; and H.R. 6089, to address the bark beetle epidemic, drought, deteriorating forest health conditions, and high risk of wildfires on National Forest System land and land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in the United States by expanding authorities established in the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 to provide emergency measures for high-risk areas identified by such States, to make permanent Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management authority to conduct good-neighbor cooperation with States to reduce wildfire risks, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gosar, Markey, and Tipton; and Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Ed Roberson, Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Doyel Shamley, Natural Resource Coordinator, Apache County, Arizona; Tom Jankovsky, Commissioner, Garfield County, Colorado; Dan Gibbs, Commissioner, Summit County, Colorado; and public witnesses.

On Friday, July 20, 2012, the Committee concluded a hearing to examine the following:

HELIUM: SUPPLY SHORTAGES IMPACTING OUR ECONOMY, NATIONAL DEFENSE AND MANUFACTURING

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Helium: Supply Shortages Impacting our Economy, National Defense and Manufacturing”. Testimony was heard from Tim Spisak, Deputy Assistant Director, Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

Committee Hearings

On Monday, July 23, 2012, the Committee concluded a hearing to examine the following:

REGULATORY FREEZE FOR JOBS ACT OF 2012; AND CONGRESSIONAL REPLACEMENT OF PRESIDENT OBAMA’S ENERGY-RESTRICTING AND JOB-LIMITING OFFSHORE DRILLING PLAN

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on the following: H.R. 4078, the “Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act of 2012”; and H.R. 6082, the “Congressional Replacement of President Obama’s Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan”. The Committee granted, by a record vote, a structured rule for H.R. 4078. The rule provides two hours of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–28, as modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments to H.R. 4078 printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 4078 with or without instructions.

The resolution further provides for a structured rule for H.R. 6082. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–29 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 6082 printed in Part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part C of the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 6082 with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairmen Issa and Hastings (WA), Representatives Cummings, Lankford, Griffin (AR), Watt, Johnson (GA), Manzullo, Frank (MA), Posey, Schweikert, Markey (MA), Woolsey, and Courtney.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine housing partnerships in Indian country, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine private student loans, focusing on providing flexibility and opportunity to borrowers, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the Cable Act at 20, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine assessing the opportunities for, current level of investment in, and barriers to the expanded usage of natural gas as a fuel for transportation, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: with the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental

Health, to hold a joint oversight hearing to examine Environmental Protection Agency authorities and actions to control exposures to toxic chemicals, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Syria, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the student visa system, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine responding to Citizens United and Super PACs, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold a closed markup session to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 24 through July 27, 2012

Senate Chamber

Cloture was filed on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3412, Middle Class Tax Cut Act. If no agreement is reached, the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill will occur on Wednesday.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: July 26, to hold hearings to examine S. 3239, to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, 9:30 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: July 25, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the impact of sequestration on education, 10 a.m., SD–124.

July 25, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the proper size of the nuclear weapons stockpile to maintain a credible U.S. deterrent, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 24, to hold hearings to examine housing partnerships in Indian country, 10 a.m., SD–538.

July 24, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine private student loans, focusing on providing flexibility and opportunity to borrowers, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

July 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council's annual report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 24, to hold hearings to examine the Cable Act at 20, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.